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WITHIN THE WEEK

With our armies racing toward the Reich, question of the hour is: Can Germany surrender? We have gone into this subject at length a number of times, but a brief review may now be to the point.

We pointed out some time ago that German military position was less tenable than at time of last Armistice. In the interval it has, of course, deteriorated disastrously. Why, then, is there no authentic bid for peace?

Common assumption that German nation is free to surrender is basically fallacious. We speak glibly of a revolt that would overthrow "Nazi leaders" as tho that would solve the problem. If that were the answer, we can be fairly certain Hitler dynasty would have toppled months ago. Actually, fanatical Nazi element infiltrates every strata of German society. Destiny of many thousands of persons, strategically placed, ties in directly with Nazi survival. If Nat'l Socialism goes, they go with it, losing not only their material resources but in all probability their lives as well. With *everything* to lose thru surrender survival instinct is to fight on, hoping desperately for some turn that may soften peace proposals. As that hope grows fainter, desperation increases rather than recedes.

Some responsible observers now believe that there may be no Ger-

man surrender on a nat'l basis; that resistance will simply collapse, probably on a piecemeal basis, as we continue to wipe out the various German armies, or render them impotent. This is, in substance, the opinion expressed last wk by Pres Benes of Czechoslovakia.

There are, as you well know, two conditions which make the already hopeless Nazi position increasingly catastrophic. One is the deflection of satellite states; the other, the increasingly effective opposition of peoples in the occupied countries. Either of these situations could doom the Nazi war effort, even if their military position were much stronger than it now is.

The news that Czechoslovak forces of the Interior have joined Slovak Partisans to fight German intruders in the puppet state of Slovakia (which it is well to remember neighbors on Hungary) means that the whole rear of the German defense structure in s-e Europe is now endangered.

Last wk, as World War II marked its 5th anniversary, U S passed its 1000th day at war. There are growing indications that, regardless of political barriers to surrender, a physically exhausted foe cannot continue much longer. The war CAN end soon—very soon.



SHIFTING SANDS

We told you fortnight ago that thinking of world leaders is against endeavor to collect large cash reparations from defeated Germany. In this connection, interesting to note that U S public opinion appears to favor collection policy. Poll just concluded by Nat'l Opinion Research Center, U of Denver shows 62% believe Germany should repay in money or goods all or part expense incurred by European war. Of this total, 56% hold out for full payment. . . Speaking of polls, the "neutral" poll of 250 Germans living in Stettin and Berlin, as reported from Stockholm by United Press, doesn't have much meaning even if it is responsible report, which is open to question. Acc'ding to this poll at least 80% of Germans are now convinced nation will suffer complete military defeat; 90% do not believe "unconditional surrender" would entail destruction of German people. This may reflect people's thinking, but sample is too small to be conclusive.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"I'm not writing blues any more because so many others are."—W C HANDY, veteran Negro composer of *St. Louis Blues*.

"A cow sat on me!"—Embarrassed explanation of hospitalized paratrooper. (He dropped safely behind enemy lines, scooped out foxhole, scrambled in; a grazing cow tumbled in on top of him.)

"The joy of these people is something which those of us who came to Paris yesterday can never forget and will always be grateful to have shared."—WRIGHT BRYAN, *Atlanta Jnl* correspondent, on liberation of French capitol.

"This will be the real Wagner Goetterdaemmerung. Hitler will drive the German nation to destruction. . . Fighting for every place will be necessary even after the Allies invade Germany."—Dr EDUARD BENES, pres, Czechoslovakia, quoted in London.

"The highest obligation of any labor group is to assist in bringing prosperity to the industry of which it is a part. Too many leaders appear to regard the union as a fighting machine . . . to nag, annoy and antagonize the employer."—Bishop FRANCIS J HAAS, pioneer in labor relations, addressing convention of Internat'l Typographical union.

"I came part of the way in a boxcar, just to help out the travel congestion."—JEFF DAVIS, King of the Hoboes of America, on a nationwide bond-selling campaign. (Davis eyes future of his clan dejectedly. His program, he says, is to discourage ret'g servicemen from joining the Order; urge them to become traveling salesmen instead.)

"The shortage of foodstuffs in America is becoming more marked. In restaurants, meat is served only once a wk. Not even a shadow of butter or cheese can be seen. Whisky and brandy can still be bought, but such beverages are adulterated; cost \$15 or \$20 a bottle."—Propaganda broadcast from Tokio.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"Carry on—I will be back with you some day."—PIERRE LAVAL, in a farewell message to associate collaborationists before departing, under Gestapo escort, for Belfort.

"I am opposed to Communism because I'm opposed to all totalitarianism—even in industry." —SIDNEY HILLMAN, chief of CIO Public Action committee, in testimony before a House committee investigating campaign contributions.

"I can't assure anything. In fact, I'll add that no man in Washington can assure anything with the number of agencies that are set up there."—V-p HENRY A WALLACE, asked about prospects for early release of manpower and material for production of peace-time goods.

"We are closing down and we don't intend to open again—certainly not if postwar mfg is to be done under present conditions with hundreds of Washington bureaus issuing thousands of orders, each duly threatening the mfg'r with large fines and long imprisonment for any unwitting violation, and with the gov't taking nine-tenths of any money he might make. We congratulate ourselves on being out of business."—EDW F LAWRENCE, JR, pres, Lawrence Bros, Inc, Sterling, Ill, in a newspaper adv announcing retirement from business. (Although announcement coincided with employe poll naming CIO United Steelworkers of America as their collective bargaining agent, firm states they have "no fight with the union." They have been 69 yrs in hardware mfg; state that they recently completed all war contracts.)

"I don't care what's been going on . . . I'm starting a new deal from now on out."—Lt Comdr J A KRUG, acting head of WPB.

"The Nazi army is more ripe for revolt than the home front."—JAS V FORRESTAL, Sec'y of Navy, recently ret'd from Mediterranean area.

"Every time Hillman gets active, he drums up votes for our side."—Rep RAYMOND S SPRINGER, Ind, asserting rank and file of CIO resent having spokesman tell them how to vote.

"I don't like to shoot off my mouth. What do I know about the business of war? "I'm just a punk studying in Infantry school."—Lt JOHN EISENHOWER, son of Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, a student at Ft Benning, Ga.

"Progress is pushing baseball aside. Bit by bit, we see the growth of cities and towns wipe out sandlots and semi-pro ball pks. Even in small villages you will discover cornfields that once were baseball diamonds. No systematic effort is made to save the game for youngsters."—HERMAN ("Babe") RUTH, in *Sporting News*.

"I made what I thought was an appropriate reference to the Emperor of Japan, I said I don't believe he's the son of heaven. I think he's the son of something. And do you know, that was taken out of my statement?" Mayor LA GUARDIA, of N. Y, commenting on one of his shortwave broadcasts.

"Pres Roosevelt made a speech at Salt Lake City in '32 in which he made statements directly opposite to the charges made by Att'y-Gen'l Biddle. If this case is ever called to trial I think we'll seek Mr Roosevelt as our witness."—WM M JEFFERS, pres Union Pacific Ry, commenting on antitrust suit filed against railroads by Francis Biddle. Mr Jeffers added: "I think the suit is an indictment against the Interstate Commerce Commission and it should be made a party to the suit."

"Best massage I ever had."—ADOLPHE MENJOU, back from an overseas tour, commenting on his ride in a jeep.

"That's peanuts. I ought to be worth \$75. I'd rather loaf than work for that."—A 17-yr-old Youngstown, O youth, offered a war-plant job paying \$48 a wk.

"There are a lot more experts around the capitol than there used to be."—Sen HARRY F BYRD, chairman, joint Congressional economy committee, which plans to investigate Gov't office personnel.

"You know this gas situation!"—Sen EUGENE D MILLIKAN, Colo, announcing his intention to campaign this fall by hitch-hiking. (Will travel by train to distant areas, work his way back thumbing rides.)

"An unexpected leave goes to your head."—Coxswain ROBT E HERRING, of Baltimore. (Veteran of 3 invasions, he made homebound boat on 30 min notice but left behind: most of his clothing, 2 rings, his wallet and identification tag.)

"We've taken Santa Claus to the barbershop for a hair-cut and a shave."—Rep HAROLD KNUTSON, Minn, reporting on House-committee emasculation of GEORGE-TAFT re-conversion measure. (Even conservatives assert new version provides inadequate compensation for postwar unemployed.) Lugubrious mbr of Congress responded: "You've taken Santa Claus out and buried him!"

"Take it and run it!"—FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, turning over War Production Board to Lt Comdr J A KRUG. (KRUG succeeds DONALD NELSON who is on a mission to China. Washington opinion is that NELSON probably will not ret'n to WPB in an active capacity. KRUG's selection is viewed by insiders as victory for the NELSON-HARRY HOPKINS faction as against Army-BYRNES contingent, who instigated NELSON exile. Prediction: BYRNES will be out as "Assistant Pres" some time after election.)

"Keep Your Mitts and Mutts Off!"—Sign erected by Miss DORIS NEITH, Chicago Victory gardener, exasperated by marauding humans and canines.

"Sure I'm scared; this is worse than war."—Pfc ALTON W KNAPPENBERGER, "One-man army of Anzio," commenting to a marriage license clerk at Norristown, Pa, where he recently wed childhood sweetheart, RUTH EICKHOFF.

"I am opposed to letting out the man nearest home, as we did last time. I also oppose releasing men on basis of occupation. The man entitled to go home 1st is the man with the longest service, and with combat experience."—Maj-Gen'l LEWIS B HERSHEY, director Selective Service.

"Women's curvesome calves are just distorted muscles bulging."—Dr CHAS J STICKLE, Chicago chiropodist, in a campaign against constant wearing of high heels. Statement roused Hollywood press agents to new heights, summed in caustic comment attributed to JANE WYMAN: "But men seem to like the deformity."

"You can tell the folks back home that as far as we are concerned, Patton can slap our whole damned regiment, one by one. He can line us up and knock us in a heap, and we will still bounce along after him. You know why? Because he knows how to fight, and we like guys who know how to fight."—Pvt ("Bomb") BAUGH, Winder, Ga, on American front in France.

"If I was in a pulpit now, I would consider it an obligation to get the people to vote and discuss the issues. I would consider it my obligation to state at least once precisely for whom I would vote. I would say that the man who felt the same way about Thos E Dewey should say the same thing. I wouldn't keep the issue away from the congregation."—Rev DWIGHT J BRADLEY, who heads a new division of CIO Political Action Committee, working with clergy.

Up to now, I always thought Manual Labor was a Mexican."—Disillusioned comment of an ex-soda jerker who enlisted with the Seabees.

"Girls waving! Hugging and kissing in the streets! Pretty nice for those soldiers in France. When we take a village, what do we get? Natives!"—A Sad Sack of the S Seas.

"There will soon come a time when the sands will run out, and I shall pay a little visit to the country to write a few notes on events of the past 5 yrs."—WINSTON CHURCHILL, at a private dinner. (It is British custom to vote heroes substantial competence at conflict's end. London now speculates on size of CHURCHILL grant.)

"If we relied on money to do the work, we would have scant hope of success."—SIDNEY HILLMAN, CIO Political Action committee, testifying before House committee investigating campaign expenditures. (HILLMAN, stated his group had rec'd only \$135,000 from individuals. The CIO however, had a fund earmarked for campaign, estimated at up to \$750,000.)



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

"Free Paris!"

ERNE PYLE

I feel totally incapable of reporting the Paris liberation. I fear that I have failed in properly presenting the loveliest, brightest story of our time.

From 2 o'clock in the afternoon until darkness, around 10, we few Americans in Paris on that 1st day were kissed, hauled and mauled by friendly mobs until we hardly knew where we were. Everybody kissed you, pushing in literal frenzy.

They waved, and we waved back until our arms gave out, and then we just wagged our fingers. We shook hands until our hands were bruised and scratched. If the jeep stopped, you were swamped.

They sang songs — wonderful French songs we had never heard before. And they sang *Tipperary* and *Madelon* and *Over There* and the *Marseillaise*. There was one funny little old woman, so short she couldn't reach up to kiss men in military vehicles; so she carried a stepladder.

You could sense that during those 1st few hrs of liberation people were almost animal-like in their panic of joy, relief and gratitude. They were actually crying as they kissed you and screamed, "Thank you, oh thank you, for coming!"

But on the 2nd day it was a deliberate holiday. It was a festival prepared for and gone into on purpose. You could tell that the women had prettied up especially. The old men had on their medals. The children were scrubbed and Sunday-dressed. The pandemonium of a free and lovable Paris reigned again. It was wonderful to be here. —*Scripps-Howard Newspapers.*

ANGER

In a small school, a number of pupils were asked to explain the meaning of "righteous indignation." And Tommy said it was, "Being mad without cussing."—*Pathfinder.*

CREDIT—Collections

"The wool for this suit I am wearing," observed Smith "was grown in Australia. The cloth was woven in Mass. The thread came from England. The suit was made in Chicago and I bought it in San Francisco."

"So what?" commented his companion. "I don't see anything so remarkable in that."

"But isn't it wonderful," continued Smith "that so many people can making a living out of something I haven't paid for?"—CHAS B ROTH, *The Selling Parade.*

Merchants who are restricting their credits with an eye to postwar developments, will have a hard time beating this succinct announcement posted by a small Negro merchant in the deep South:

"No More Credick til I gits my Outs in."

DISCIPLINE—Juvenile

The more I come into contact with modern youth, the more I regret that nowadays both the paternal hairbrush and the paternal heir are so rarely turned bottom-side up.—CHANNING POLLOCK, "Is Spanking Necessary?" *Coronet*, 9-'44.

DUTY—Devotion

A hen keeps on digging worms and laying eggs, regardless of "conditions." If the ground is hard, she scratches harder. If it is dry, she digs deeper. If she strikes rock, she works around it. But always she digs up worms, and turns them into hard-shelled profits. . . She saves her breath for digging and her cackle for eggs.—*Rotary Bulletin.*

EDUCATION—Youth

Many high school students dropped out of classes because they discovered they could make \$30 a wk without reading *Snow Bound* or knowing what started the Spanish-

American war. And when they missed this "extra" information, they missed a lot of essentials, too.

Don't let a little easy money steer you wrong. You may be on the gravy train right now, but what about 5 yrs from now? When jobs are redistributed the best will go to the most intelligent, the most experienced and the most valuable workers. You don't want to get left in the cakes-and-coffee dept, do you?—MAUREEN DALY, "Easy Money," *Chicago Tribune*, 8-20-'44.

GOD—Omniscient

A little girl was asked: "When you pray at night, do you tell God the bad things you did that day?"

"No," was the soft reply. "He already knows them."

What's Ahead?

Life Insurance co's of America polled leading academic and practicing economists for views on several future developments. Here are the results:

Q—Have inflation controls been effective to date?

A—Yes.

Q—Will inflation be controlled—for rest of war and in post-war transition period?

A—Excellent prospect for rest of war but in post-war period more doubtful.

Q—What are the major shortcomings in control program?

A—Ineffectiveness of wage and farm price controls.

Q—Will the price level be higher after the war?

A—Probably.

Q—Should inflation controls be maintained after the war?

A—For a period.

Q—What are the prospects for post-war business?

A—A boom.

Q—Can depression after the boom be averted?

A—Possibly.

—*Canadian Business.*

HOUSING—Shortage

Want ad in the current *Indiana Real Estate Jnl*: "Please, if you have a 3-bedroom rental house, north, help a brother realtor by calling the Board office. Thanks."

IDEAS—Interpreted

The irrepressible Geo Bernard Shaw was once delivering a lecture on Bergson. A little man near the front became more and more excited and began to gesticulate. Shaw paused, glanced down at the disturber and said firmly: "Sit down and calm yourself M Bergson." Then turning again to the audience he said blandly: "I can always explain people's ideas better than they can do it themselves, and for some reason it always makes them angry."

IGNORANCE—Knowledge

"What's the sky?" a little boy asked his elder brother.

"There ain't no sky," was the scornful reply.

"Well, then," persisted the youngster, "what is it what ain't?"—HARRY WOOD COSTELLO, *Naturalism and the Human Spirit* (Columbia U Press.)

IRONY

The late Herbert Mundin served thru the last war on a British minesweeper. Like all men in that dangerous service, he was required to wear a life-preserver at all times. It was bulky, uncomfortable, and he came to hate it with a deadly hate. It symbolized all the discomforts of war.

One morning, when his ship was on patrol in the N Sea, the wireless brought news of the armistice. With a wild whoop of joy, Mundin tore off his life jacket, hurled it overboard. It sank like a rock.—JIMMIE FIDLER, syndicated col.

MARRIED LIFE

As we were leaving, Mrs. Harris said, "You forgot one important thing. He is The Boss. I believe in letting the man make all important decisions."

We said, "Who made the decision that he was to be The Boss?" And Mrs. Harris, opening her eyes wide, said, "Why, naturally, I did."—"The Perfect Pair." *Atlanta Jnl.*

NOMENCLATURE—Russian

In Russia, John Jones, the average man, used to be dubbed Ivan Ivanovich. Before long he may

bear the startling name of General Motors Ivanovich or Studebaker Ivanovich. Maj Gen John R Dean, chief of the Am military mission in Moscow, ret'd to Washington last wk; told a press conference Russians so appreciate American trucks that "Russian babies are being named for popular makes of American automotive equipment." —*Newsweek*, 8-21-'44.

PEACE—Proposals

At the last peace table the French prime minister said, "Oh, Wilson talks like Jesus Christ!" The tragedy of the present situation can be largely blamed to a world which took France's attitude instead of Wilson's.—Rev ANSON B COVER, West Lawn Church of God, Chicago.

"Bombs bursting in air. . ."

An elderly Englishwoman in a bus was talking to a companion: "You know," she said, "I think I prefer the old-fashioned bombs."—*This Wk.*

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An English charwoman commenting to a companion on the new buzzbombs: "They're just bombs, the same old bombs, dearie! It's all a question of getting yourself organized."—DORIS FLEESON, *Woman's Home Companion*.

RESOURCEFULNESS

The American soldier is the most resourceful one in the world.

A GI was supposed to meet a girl at a theatre. At the last minute his pass was nullified and he was put on KP. He asked a pal to get word to his girl. The pal had never met this girl—and London is pretty well crowded with girls.

Not one whit dismayed, the pal found a "sandwich board" sign, and paraded in front of the theatre with a message scrawled fore and aft: "Mary, I have been a bad boy and can't come to town tonight—Tom." The substitute met the girl—and half of London knew Tom was on KP.—Edw R MURROW, CBS European News Chief, in a broadcast to U S.



CONFIDENTIALLY THRU A MEGAPHONE

Overcome by heat in a N Y dept store last wk a woman, when revived, explained that she had been doing her Christmas shopping. Looks a bit strange to see displays of Holiday merchandise, wrappings, Christmas cards. However, stores report little buying for overseas shipment; don't expect volume sales until after Labor Day. (You know, of course, period from Sep 15 to Oct 15 has been designated as time for mailing pkgs to men and women in service outside U S.)

Fall of Paris signalized stampede of would-be tourists. Travel agencies are flooded with applications for passage overseas. (If War Dept follows present plan to demobilize one-fourth of Army after German surrender, with some troops now in U S sent abroad as replacement units, chances are there will be little "touring" for many mo's to come.)

Regardless of which two baseball teams win league pennants this yr, ODT has asked that sale of series tickets be limited to persons living in or near immediate vicinity.

Several municipalities are waiving dog tax on mbrs of K-9 corps honorably discharged and ret'd to their owners. . . Cleveland Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with adjacent truck farmers has set up "white mkt" where city folk can obtain vegetables on pick-and-pay basis. Local papers carry list of locations, produce available, and prices. . . On Normandy peninsula, 80 to 90% of wounded got medical attention within 10 min after being hit. Recovery percentage astounds investigators. *Yank* reports one British hospital handled 6,000 cases since D Day with only one death.



AUTOMOBILES: Patent has been granted for a pivoted jack to be permanently attached to each end of motor vehicle's axles, swung down for quick tire change. Power supplied by engine-operated hydraulic system. Lower end of jack provided with two small wheels, so vehicle may be towed if repairs on the spot are not practicable. (*Science News Letter*)

HEALTH & HYGIENE: Gen'l Electric is now releasing publicity on lamp which kills germs in food, water, air by ultra-violet rays. Developed some yrs ago, it has been under test in hospitals, institutions. Germicidal energy emitted by the lamp is produced by electric current passing thru mercury vapor at low pressure. Dangerous if improperly used. Eyes and skin must be shielded from direct exposure. Tests indicate considerable reduction in infections where these germicidal units have been used.

MEDICINE: Specialists now see possibility of eliminating malaria from all civilized countries, postwar. This heartening expectation results from continued success with *ata-brine*, synthetic quinine. New product has proved possession of all anti-malarial properties ascribed to quinine. (*Jnl American Med Ass'n.*)

War Dep't reports Army has cut malaria rate to quarter or third of what it was early in war; had fewer than 100 deaths from malaria last yr. (*Yank.*)

PEST CONTROL: Gov't chemist has developed mthd of fortifying red squill powder, making it more toxic as rat poison. Important development in combat against typhus and bubonic plague. (Red squill is derived from ground bulbs of a hyacinth grow in Mediterranean area.)

SEXES—Comparative Virtue

Yes, females are the mothers of the race. Which may explain why the race is what it is. Or isn't. But as for women being "naturally" on a higher moral level than men, I fail to see it. We are all, praise God, touched with His divinity. But there is as yet no proof that either sex has a monopoly on virtue or vice.—*ELSIE ROBINSON*, syndicated col.

SOLDIER VOTE

A soldier in the air transport command brings up a point which may be a sizeable factor in "getting out the soldier vote." "Thank you for the ballot application," he wrote. "It came as a welcome and very flattering surprise. This is the 1st time I have been invited to express an opinion on anything in 16 mo's."

S AMERICA—Sovereignty

In South America, any impartial observer, talking to the man in the street, will find that Argentina excites interest and sympathy precisely because Argentina has assumed the role of a defender of Latin sovereignty against the encroachments of the U S, now more than ever the dreaded and menacing Colossus of the North.

True, we have landed no soldiers or sailors where they were not welcome. And we have made no direct show of strength in the manner of the old-fashioned "demonstrations" dear to the hearts of 19th-century statesmen. But the potential is there, and if we forget it, the Latin Americans do not.—*PAUL JONES*, "Good Neighbor in a China Shop," *Sat Eve Post*, 8-19-44.

SPEECH—Speaking

A story is often effective in hoisting the anchor of apathy. . . Contemporary happenings may furnish a bright incident; in fact it is a platitude of journalism that interest decreases in the degree in which the reader is removed from the scene of the occurrence in place and time. Thus, an incident of the present war is more interesting to us than a similar story of the Civil war. . . All other elements being equal, a local current happening perks up more ears than an event

in the Middle Ages.—*JOHN B SHEERIN*, C S P, "The New Sermon Technique," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, 7-44.

TAXES

The mo's during which we feel free from income tax worries are those that have an X in the spelling.—*Judy's*.

TRIAL—and Error

It is better to make new mistakes than to repeat the old ones over and over again.—*The Latch String*.

"Vas you There?"

"The Libery was founded Feb 21, 1943 . . . Here Slav, atIlfan . . . and other groups meet and learn to understand and like one anotherh."—From an article on Cleveland's Intercultural Library in *American City*.

VIEWPOINT

The boys in the S Seas believe those in Europe are fighting the most difficult war, and are sorry for them. When I got to Italy and they learned I had recently been in the S Seas, they shook their heads pityingly and said, "Those poor devils! They're certainly doing it the hard way, aren't they?"—*JOE E BROWN*, "Killers Without Hate," *American Mag*, 9-44.

"I think this scenery is just heavenly," declared one enthusiastic resort patron.

"Umph!" grunted her neighbor. "I can't see that it's so much. Take away the mountains and the lake and it's just like anywhere else."—*Biblical Recorder*.

YOUTH—German

"The widespread notion that German youth is moving away from Hitler is absolutely wrong," my informant assured me. "Boys between 10 and 20 comprise the most fanatical Nazi bloc in Germany. . ."

Prussian militarism has so influenced the youngsters they are virtually unable to talk in a normal conversational tone, nor do they expect to be so addressed. My informant related that one day two

"The Looting Has Begun."

Now that the Balkan pot again bubbles ominously for the hated Hun, it is just as well to refresh our recollection of the sufferings in subjugation of these brave peoples. Let us, in particular, remember the Greeks. Not only have their afflictions been unexampled, but in their resistance to inevitable odds the Hellenic people have illumined a page of our living history. They met and conquered Mussolini's mightiest forces—only to be set upon by the endless Nazi battalions. LAIRD ARCHER, who was head of the Near East Foundation in Athens, tells the invasion story with eloquent simplicity in *Balkan Journal*, (Norton, \$3.50):

Sunday, April 27, '41: The Axis is consistent in selecting Christian religious days for its devilish work.

Italy invaded Albania on Good Friday, 1939.

She torpedoed the *Helle* and fired on pilgrim ships gathered for the Festival of our Lady of Tenos, Sunday, Aug 15, '40.

She invaded Greece Sunday, October 27, '40.

Germany invaded Greece on Palm Sunday, this month.

German forces entered Athens today.

Monday, April 28, '41: The wholesale looting of Athens has begun.

Remaining fuel and food reserves have been taken 1st. Koskinides going to the central mkt for supplies for the refugee soup kitchen, found the mkt sealed under the swastika, reserved for German officer billets and troops. A Marathon farmer coming to report that our nurses are safe in the hills, said that his flock of poultry, even the pigeons, had been machine-gunned; the swastika planted at the four corners of his fields. He was warned to take nothing from the fields on pain of death.

The invaders have been taking meat, cattle and sheep north of the city for days, now have reserved dairy herds here for their own use. The 200,000-ton domestic supply of milk may be cut a third by slaughtering. Eighty thousand cows in this part of Greece will disappear quickly.

Motor transportation has been seized. Syntagma Sq is filled with seized cars. Buses are being taken,

and trucks. Orders posted and radioed require all bicycles to be delivered to a given location.

Wholesale and retail shops are being systematically cleared out by the polite method of "purchase" with freshly printed Occupation Marks, of no value outside Greece. Troops buy anything, everything, for shipment to the Reich. Principal Greek industries are being taken over by the same "purchase" system, to produce only for Germans. Even hospital and drugstore supplies are being taken.

Streets are filled with lean, hard-bitten, glassy-eyed Germans with colorless, expressionless, stony features like sleep-walking automata. They have come to wipe out the Greeks by starvation and disease to save munitions and trouble. But they neither care nor show any scruples whatever. Their uniforms are faded and stained, dull, grimy gray like old mold, fit garb for a foul job. Germans in restaurants gulp food in 2nd and 3rd helpings. The girls shrink from their stares. The Greeks are most upset by the occupation of their homes, especially the families with young daughters. This billeting is clever: avoids concentration of troops in barracks where they may be bombed; keeps an intimate eye on rebellious people.

The people say that the evzone guarding the Greek flag on the Acropolis, when given the order to put up the swastika yesterday, refused, then threw himself to his death from the walls 500 ft above the st.

Hitler Youth came to his apt, collecting money for the winter relief fund. When he asked them to sit down, they refused. When he barkingly ordered them to sit, they

obeyed at once. Later, his landlady observed, "You were too gentle with them. That made the lads suspicious."—EARNEST ZAUGG, *Christian Science Monitor*.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

The Active Life

EPICTETUS

EPICTETUS was a Greek, born, probably about the middle of the 1st century A D. He left nothing in writing and for our knowledge of his philosophy we are indebted to his disciple, the Greek philosopher ARRIAN, who compiled from his master's conversations the *Discourses* and *Encheiridion*, from which this selection is taken.

If we were as intent upon our own business as the old fellows at Rome are upon what interests them, we too might perhaps accomplish something. I know a man older than I am, now Superintendent of the Corn-market at Rome, and I remember when he passed thru this place on his way back from exile, what an acc't he gave me of his former life, declaring that for the future, once home again, his only care should be to pass his remaining yrs in quiet and tranquillity. "For how few yrs have I left!" he cried.

"That," I said "you will not do; but the moment the scent of Rome is in your nostrils, you will forget it all; and if you can but gain admission to Court, you will be glad enough to elbow your way in, and thank God for it."

"Epictetus," he replied, "if ever you find me setting as much as one foot within the Court, think what you will of me."

Well, as it was, what did he do? Ere ever he entered the city, he was met by a despatch from the Emperor. He took it, and forgot the whole of his resolutions. From that moment, he has been piling one thing upon another. I should like to be beside him to remind him of what he said when passing this way, and to add, How much better a prophet I am than you!

The timid little man and his large, dominating spouse breezed into the J C Penny store seeking a pair of pants for papa. Mama, however, was doing the pants selecting. On those rare occasions when papa opened his mouth to speak, mama promptly shut him up with the observation: "You don't want that pair. Show us some more, clerk." At long last, the clerk picked up the only remaining pair. "If these aren't satisfactory," he said to papa, resignedly, "we haven't a thing for you. Why don't you try them on?" The timid hubby dug deep into his practically dry well of matrimonial courage. He tossed the last pair of pants over to his wife. "You try 'em on," he said acidly.—*Jefferson County (Wis) Union.*



WISECRACKS OF THE WEEK

An industrial designer predicts there won't be any fenders on new automobiles. If he waits a few more mo's there won't be any fenders on old automobiles.—*Phoenix Flame.*

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Getting one vote in the vice-presidential balloting is, generally speaking, the male equivalent of being 11th best-dressed woman of the yr. — *Detroit News.*

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The Hun is learning the truth of the old maxim. He strafes best who strafes last.—*FRANK SULLIVAN, PM.*

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The way things have been going, perhaps it's time to start calling Nazis "Stupormen."—*Louisville Courier-Jnl.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

JAMES E. WATSON
Veteran Senator from Indiana
(now retired)

This isn't exactly an anecdote. It's more in the nature of a little private joke. For yrs I've been chuckling over Aunt Jane Coltom, of Winchester. I have a suspicion that her point of view is shared by a good many other public speakers!

Aunt Jane was a great gadder. Always on the go to every sort of public gathering. Whenever you asked her about a prayer meeting, fish-fry or clambake, you were pretty sure to get the same response: "It was a fine meeting. I spoke."

Girls who go to work in slacks May help our fronts, but not their backs.—*Grit.*

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An eastern visitor to the wide open spaces of the West was captivated by that diminutive beast of burden, the burro. He bought one; ordered it shipped to his country estate. The animal was billed, "1 Burro, crated."

A freight clerk, checking way-bills en route, finally balanced his records with the notation: "Short: 1 Bureau. Over: 1 Jackass."—*Tracks, hm C&O Ry.*

It was in a Child's restaurant that I got the unforgettable thrill of seeing, for the 1st time, a stranger reading my book, *A Tree Grows In Brooklyn.*

This girl had the book propped up on the sugar bowl before her.

"Pardon me," I asked, "Do you like that book?"

"I love it," the girl replied.

Heartened by this admission, I ventured further: "I wrote it, and I'd like to autograph it for you."

As I reached out for the book, the girl clutched it to her chest. "Oh, no! You see, I got it from the library and I have to pay a fine if it's marked up."—*BETTY SMITH, N Y Times Mag.*

A little boy who had been taught to pray found himself sliding down a roof, apparently to a serious fall.

"O, Lord," he prayed hurriedly, "save me! Save me!"

Just then a nail caught his pants, and he added a postscript: "Never mind, Lord; a nail has done it for you."—*Protestant Voice.*

